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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 4, 2010, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.